

## **\$115K in Casino Fines for Cheating, Underage Cases - ABC News**

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New Jersey casino regulators are set to hand out \$115,000 in fines Wednesday to Atlantic City casinos who failed to

immediately catch a cheating dealer and customer, had a malfunctioning alarm system that let a robber walk away with \$8,000 after holding up a cashier, allowed someone other than the winner to fill out tax forms for five slots jackpots, and allowed underage patrons to gamble and drink.

The fines come as state lawmakers are set to consider a bill that would remove full-time inspectors from the casinos in order to let the gambling houses save money.

The biggest fine is against the Tropicana Casino and Resort for not immediately catching a dealer and a customer who had been cheating at a table game for seven months ending in May 2009.

According to documents filed with the state Casino Control Commission, which is to issue the fines, the Tropicana is accused of failing to adequately supervise a game of blackjack, failing to properly collect losing bets and pay off winning ones, and failing to detect cheating.

The case involves 20 to 30 occasions from November 2008 to May 2009 in which a Tropicana dealer admitted he overpaid a patron, or failed to take his chips when the customer lost a bet.

An unidentified patron notified a Tropicana security shift manager, who confronted the dealer and removed him from the game. He later confessed to the cheating scheme and was arrested.

It could not immediately be determined what eventually happened to the dealer or the customer, who were not identified in casino commission paperwork. The state attorney general's office could not immediately locate records on the case, and Tropicana officials did not respond to requests for comment.

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Caesars Atlantic City was to be fined \$10,000 for a July 2009 incident in which a silent holdup alarm malfunctioned twice, allowing a robber to get away with \$8,000 in cash. The cashier hit a button activating the alarm, which was supposed to alert the security and surveillance departments, but it failed to work.

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